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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33(2) – (4) for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The prior art, either individually or in obvious combination, published before the priority date does not disclose all the features defined in claim 1 or its dependent claims 2-10

the present invention provides other incidental benefits to both the electrician, or other user of the cable ties and to the provider of the holder.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Therefore according to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a cable tie holder characterized in that includes sheets of flexible material joined together so as to make a series of pockets into which cable ties can be inserted, each of said pockets having a closable side opening at one edge thereof and a central transverse
10 slot whereby cable ties inserted into said pockets through a side opening may be retrieved from the central slot, and wherein said pockets are of differing sizes to accommodate cable ties of differing lengths and wherein said pockets are arranged sequentially from longest to shortest so as to form a generally trapezoidal shaped holder.

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Preferably, the sheets of flexible material includes a base attached to which are two sheets of material being spaced apart so as to provide a slot therebetween, said sheets being partitioned into a series of pockets by dividing means extending across said sheets at spaced intervals. The upper sheet is preferably made of clear material.

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More preferably, said pockets are accessible by a zippered opening serving as a closable side opening.

Preferably said holder may be rolled into a cylindrical shape and secured by fastening
25 means for storage.

Preferably, the holder of the invention is adapted to be suspended vertically during use.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

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The above and other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. In the drawings:

Figure 1 illustrates in perspective view a cable tie holder in accordance with a
35 first aspect of the present invention in open view with an inner face uppermost;

Claims

1. A cable tie holder characterized in that includes sheets of flexible material joined together so as to make a series of pockets into which cable ties can be inserted, each of said pockets having a closable side opening at one edge thereof and a central transverse slot, whereby cable ties inserted into said pockets through a side opening may be retrieved from the central slot, and wherein said pockets are of differing sizes to accommodate cable ties of differing lengths and wherein said pockets are arranged sequentially from longest to shortest so as to form a generally trapezoidal shaped holder.
2. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that the sheets of flexible material include a base attached to which are two sheets of material being spaced apart so as to create the central transverse slot therebetween, said sheets being partitioned into a series of pockets by dividing means extending across said sheets at spaced intervals.
3. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that an upper sheet of flexible material is made of clear material.
4. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that, said pockets are accessible by a single opening serving as a closable side opening.
5. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that, each of said pockets is accessible by a separate opening serving as a closable side opening.
6. A cable tie holder according to either claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that, said a closable side openings are accessed by one or more zippers.
7. A cable tie holder according to either claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that, said a closable side openings are accessed by one or more openings having a hook and loop fastening.
8. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that said holder may be rolled into a cylindrical shape and secured by fastening means for storage.

9. A cable tie holder according to claim 10 characterized in that said fastening means is an adjustable hook and loop fastening means.

5 10. A cable tie holder according to claim 1 characterized in that the holder is adapted to be suspended vertically during use.

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